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Department of Health Care  
Policy & Financing

**TO:** All Stakeholders

**FROM:** The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

**DATE:** **October 19, 2014**

**SUBJECT:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF - Notification of Department responses to public comment posted on the HCPF Website.

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**Purpose:** To notify stakeholders of the Department's response to questions or concerns sent during the public comment period and compiled into a Listening Log regarding the state wide Transition Plan.

**Background:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) effective March 17, 2014 to ensure individuals receiving long-term services and supports through HCBS programs have full access to the greater community and reside in home-like residences.

Federal rule requires States to submit a state wide Transition Plan to meet new Federal criteria for all relevant HCBS programs under 1915(c), 1915(k), and 1915(i). This plan will outline how the final rule will be implemented over the next 5 years. In Colorado, there are seven HCBS waivers with residential and non-residential components that will be impacted by the new Federal rules:

- [Brain Injury waiver](#)
- [Children's Habilitation Residential Program](#)
- [Community Mental Health Supports waiver](#)
- [Developmental Disabilities waiver](#)
- [Supported Living Services waiver \(SLS\)](#)
- [Elderly, Blind and Disabled waiver](#)
- [Spinal Cord Injury wavier](#)

**Information:** The Department provided a 30-day Public Comment period for all stakeholders starting August 10, 2014 and ending September 9, 2014. The Public Comment period provided all stakeholders a chance to review the Transition Plans of all affected waivers and provide feedback to the Department. All questions and comments were kept in a Listening Log that can be viewed by anyone on the HCPF website. All responses by the state will be reviewed and approved by CMS.

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**Action:** The Department has responded to questions/comments submitted during the 30-day period. The Department is notifying Stakeholders that these responses are available to view immediately through the HCPF website. To review the questions and the Department's response please visit: [www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition](http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition)

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